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1. Cyprus

Time appears to be running out for peace on the island.

Although feverish diplomatic efforts to defuse the critical situation continue in Athens and Ankara, the Turkish war machine--already in a high state of readiness--is being geared both to move rapidly into Cyprus and to respond to any counter-move by Greek forces.

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The Greeks and Greek Cypriots, 50X1 for their part, remain determined, despite Turkish military superiority, to resist any Turkish military move.

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2. Israel-Jordan

Jordan's interest in discouraging terrorism along its borders has been shaken by the artillery pounding it got from Israel Monday. 50X1

3. North Vietnam

The main rice crop now being harvested looks as if it will be below average. A combination of bad weather and disruptions brought on by bombing is responsible. In a normal year, North Vietnam can expect a three-million ton fall harvest. This year's may drop 200,000 tons below that mark. With this shortfall, Hanoi will have to maintain its already high level of food imports and perhaps increase them.

4. USSR-Yemen

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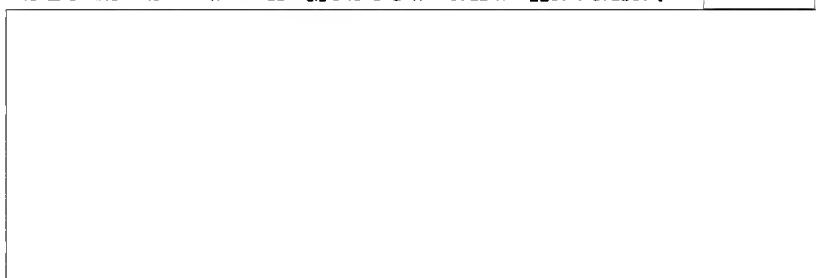


5. Cuba-USSR

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Negotiation of the Soviet-Cuban trade protocol for 1968 seems to be going reasonably well despite the tensions between Moscow and Havana. [redacted]

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6. Nigeria

A peace-seeking mission of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), authorized last September, is due to arrive today in the federal capital of Lagos. Its prospects are less than good, however, in view of the opposition of federal authorities to any OAU mediatory role.

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7. South Korea

The five-month political impasse in the National Assembly has moved a step nearer resolution.

Opposition representatives have expressed willingness to end their boycott of the Assembly. For its part, the government party has promised that steps will be taken to satisfy opposition grievances, largely growing out of irregularities in last June's elections. But the protagonists ducked some of the major issues at stake--such as the number of seats to be "corrected." These omissions, along with factional struggles in both parties, could make for some further delay in seating the opposition.

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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Report on Situation in Hanoi:

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the city's defenses remained alert despite the lull in bombing raids, and that security orders were strictly observed. Loudspeakers continued to announce the approach of enemy planes.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Hanoi Broadcast Encourages Negroes to Desert:

A 20 November Hanoi broadcast in English to US troops in South Vietnam encourages Negro GI's to "rise up and oppose this Johnson war." Hanoi asserts that there are no reasons to justify Negroes fighting in Vietnam since "the Johnson administration does nothing good for Negroes." The broadcast goes on to claim that the Viet Cong has consistently treated prisoners well and notes the recent release of three US soldiers as an example. Therefore, Hanoi concludes, "the best way for the Negro GI is to let himself be taken prisoner rather than be killed."

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